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FROM THE STATE OF LOUISIANA



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On the roll of this microfilm publication is reproduced an alphabetical card index to the compiled service records of volunteer soldiers belonging to units from the State of Louisiana who served in Florida in a campaign referred to by these records as the War of 1837-38. The index contains most of the names of Louisiana soldiers to which references were found in the records used in compiling the service records. The cards give the name of the soldier, his rank, and the unit in which he served. There are cross-reference cards for soldiers' names that appeared in the records under more than one spelling.

The supposedly correct name of a soldier from Louisiana may not appear in this index for several reasons. First, he may not have served in a Louisiana unit. Second, he may have served under a different name or used a different spelling of his name. Third, proper records of his service may not have been made, or, if made, may have been destroyed or lost in the confusion that often attended the initial mobilization or subsequent military operations and disbandment of troops. Fourth, the reference to the soldier in the original records may be so vague that it has not been practicable to determine his correct name or the unit in which he served. Fifth, the soldier may have served in the Regular Army instead of a volunteer organization.

The index cards reproduced in this microcopy are part of a body of records in the National Archives designated as Record Group 94, Records of the Office of The Adjutant General. Other microfilm publications of State indexes to compiled service records have been issued or are being prepared.

The compiled service records indexed by this microcopy have not been reproduced. They consist of a jacket-envelope for each soldier, labeled with his name and typically containing card abstracts of entries relating to the soldier as found in original muster rolls. A typical example of a compiled service record is reproduced on the first roll of this microcopy.

The compiled service records of soldiers belonging to units from a particular State are arranged according to a complicated organizational breakdown ending with the regiment or independent

battalion or company. Under each unit the service records are arranged alphabetically by soldiers' surnames. Unless the unit in which a soldier served is already known, his compiled service record can be located only through the use of an index, such as the one reproduced here for the State of Louisiana, that gives the unit in which he served.

The compilation of service records of soldiers of the War of 1837-38 was begun around 1891 under the direction of Maj. Fred C. Ainsworth, head of the Record and Pension Division of the War Department. The abstracts made from the original records were verified by a separate operation of comparison and every conceivable precaution was taken to ensure that the abstracts and indexes were accurate.

Reproduction of compiled service records corresponding to entries in the index reproduced in this microcopy may be obtained from the National Archives for a fee. Requests for such reproductions should give the State, regiment or battalion, and company for each soldier exactly as shown in this index.

If an application for a pension or bounty land warrant was made, additional information concerning a soldier may be found among the pension and bounty land warrant application files of the Veterans' Administration.

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